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Jane Henney, MD, Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Henney:

The hot seat goes along with the job of Commissioner. Adding to uncomfortable warmth is a vociferous but small community of opponents to "genetically engineered" foods.

I have encountered the same group of people, including some from Sweden, Germany, and elsewhere who lobby their governments against technological advancements of many sorts. I encountered them on internet discussion groups for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and other neuropathy web groups, warning about perceived neurological dangers of amalgam fillings, aspartame (daily messages of 1 OK to **50K** bytes) and other products. When they are countered and successfully argued against, they disappear from one group and appear in another.

Their arguments are unsound, but their beliefs are strong. Like the groups that lobbied for DSHEA, they are smaller than they appear.

Please do not be confused or influenced by this group.

Sincerely,



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